

Final Stipend Payment

If a student defends his or her dissertation before the 15th of the month, the stipend will be terminated at the end of that month. If the student defends on or after the 15th, the next month's stipend will be the final month the student is paid, at the discretion of their advisor. Students are encouraged to speak to their advisors directly about how they should be paid as they complete their graduate work.

If an advisor wishes to pay the student for an additional month, beyond what has been explained above, the advisor must notify **David Jablon** via email as early as possible. David can be reached at dmsaccounting@hms.harvard.edu.

For administrative reasons, a stipend cannot be issued to a student after his/her graduation date.

Registration & Health Insurance

November Degree:

Health Insurance – Coverage ends on July 31, 2018

- You can receive health insurance for the fall semester only if your advisor agrees to pay for it. If you wish to receive health insurance through the fall semester, you need to do the following:
 - Have your advisor agree to pay for health insurance through the fall semester and contact **David Jablon** (dmsaccounting@hms.harvard.edu / 617-432- 2602) to notify him.
 - Submit your dissertation online to the registrar through the registrar's website on **Wednesday, September 12 ONLY. (Please see the GSAS November degree timeline for further information.)**

March Degree:

Health Insurance – Coverage ends on January 31, 2019

Registration – Register for the fall semester only

May Degree:

Health Insurance – Coverage ends on July 31, 2019

Registration – Register for the spring semester

- If you are receiving a **May degree without spring tuition**, you will not register for the spring semester, and your health insurance coverage will end as of January 31, 2019. You must submit your approved dissertation to the Registrar's Office online by February 1, 2019.

Note: If you defended and received a clear pass, you can no longer remain an enrolled DMS student for the upcoming semester.